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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

As reflected in the listing of claims, claim 1 has been amended, claims 20-22 have been cancelled and claims 23-24 have been added. The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**1. (Currently Amended)** A universal hose clamp comprising:

a universal hose locating mechanism ~~comprising~~ a first locking mechanism which moves between a locked and an unlocked position, the first locking mechanism comprising a handle assembly and a pin having a first axis, wherein the handle assembly rotates relative to the pin in the plane of the pin to move the first locking mechanism between the locked and unlocked positions;

a securing means for securing said locating mechanism to a support structure; and

a hose coupling adapted to connect a hose to the universal hose locating mechanism, wherein the hose coupling is configured to have unlimited rotational movement about the first axis when the hose is coupled to the hose coupling and the first locking mechanism is in the unlocked position.

**2. (Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the universal hose locating mechanism further comprises a second locking mechanism which moves between a locked and an unlocked position such that with the hose coupled to the hose coupling, and the second locking mechanism in the unlocked position, the hose coupling has unlimited rotational movement about a second axis that is substantially perpendicular to the first axis.

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3. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the second locking mechanism comprises a second handle assembly, a connection means and a second pin wherein the first and second locking mechanisms are in the unlocked positions when the respective handle assembly is in a plane parallel to the respective pin, and the locked position when the respective handle assembly is rotated to lie in a plane perpendicular to the respective pin.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the securing means comprises a first female member suitable for receiving the second pin and a base clamping mechanism suitable for clamping the universal hose clamp to a support structure that comprises an existing railing or pole.

5. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the securing means comprises a second female member, suitable for receiving the second pin, and a portable independent frame.

6. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the portable independent frame is a tripod.

7. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the hose coupling comprises a third female member suitable for receiving the first pin thus allowing the hose coupling to be removed from the universal hose locating mechanism when the first locking mechanism is in the unlocked position.

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8. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 4, wherein when the second locking mechanism is in the locked position the second pin lockably engages with the first female member.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 5, wherein when the second locking mechanism is in the locked position the second pin lockably engages with the second female member.

10. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 7, wherein when the first locking mechanism is in the locked position the first pin lockably engages with the third female member.

11. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the hose coupling further comprises a gripping aid, a mounting band and a hose securing means.

12. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the gripping aid is made of a flexible material comprising rubber.

13. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the gripping aid is cylindrical in shape.

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14. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the mounting band is cylindrical in shape.

15. **(Previously Presented)** A universal hose clamp as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the hose securing means is a screw thread mechanism.

16-22. **(Cancelled)**

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23. (New) A universal hose clamp comprising:

a universal hose locating mechanism, a first locking mechanism which moves between a locked and an unlocked position, the first locking mechanism comprising a handle assembly and a pin having a first axis, wherein the first locking mechanism is in the unlocked position when the handle assembly is parallel to the first axis, and the locked position when the first handle assembly is rotated to lie perpendicular to the first axis;

a securing means for securing the locating mechanism to a support structure; and

a hose coupling adapted to connect a hose to the universal hose locating mechanism, wherein the hose coupling is configured to have unlimited rotational movement about the first axis when the first locking mechanism is in the unlocked position

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24. (New) A universal hose clamp comprising:

a universal hose locating mechanism, wherein the universal hose locating mechanism includes a first locking mechanism and a second locking mechanism each of which moves between a locked and an unlocked position,

wherein the first locking mechanism comprises a first handle assembly, a first connection means, and a first pin having a first axis, and the second locking mechanism comprises a second handle assembly, a second connection means, and a second pin having a second axis perpendicular to the first axis,

wherein the first and second locking mechanisms are in the unlocked position when their respective handle assemblies are parallel to the first and second axes respectively, and the locked positions when their respective handle assemblies are rotated to lie substantially perpendicular to the first and second axes respectively;

a securing means for securing said locating mechanism to a support structure; and

a hose coupling adapted to connect a hose to the universal hose locating mechanism, wherein the hose coupling is configured to have unlimited rotational movement about the first axis when the first locking mechanism is in the unlocked position, and unlimited rotational movement about the second axis when the second locking mechanism is in the unlocked position.